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Dear President Killeen,

Thank you for responding to our letter earlier this month and the information you provided. We have shared this with our organizations. All agree that it would be good to meet with you as soon as possible to discuss possible options in light of what we might realistically expect from Springfield.

We have also been monitoring what is occurring on this matter in other state contract negotiations. While AFSCME is currently not negotiating, other unions have been and a few have accepted Governor Rauner's terms which will substantially increase costs (e.g. we understand that nurses monthly pay for insurance will increase from 17%, which is about what we pay, to 35% -- so double). While this does not affect anyone but the unions whose contract is settled, it sets a precedent moving forward.

We see this as a real window of opportunity to investigate options before decisions are made and finalized.

Please let us know the best way to arrange a meeting with you. We also welcome our Chancellor (CCed) as well as Interim Chancellor Wilson from UIUC and Chancellor Koch from UIS, and any other groups that you think would be helpful in the discussion.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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